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§9–512.

(a) In this section, “building permit” means any permit that allows any building construction and is issued by any State or local authority.

(b) (1) A State or local authority may not issue a building permit unless:

(i) The water supply system, sewerage system, or solid waste acceptance facility is adequate to serve the proposed construction, taking into account all existing and approved developments in the service area;

(ii) Any water supply system, sewerage system, or solid waste acceptance facility described in the application will not overload any present facility for conveying, pumping, storing, or treating water, sewage, or solid waste;

(iii) Except for essential public services, after January 1, 1992, the county in which the proposed construction is located has an approved recycling plan under § 9–505 of this subtitle and § 9–1703 of this title; and

(iv) Except for essential public services, after January 1, 1994, the county in which the proposed construction is located has met the recycling reductions submitted in an approved recycling plan under § 9–505 of this subtitle and § 9–1703 of this title.

(2) A water supply system, sewerage system, or solid waste acceptance facility referenced in a subdivision plat shall conform to the applicable county plan.

(3) If an allocation of water or wastewater is needed, and before a State or local authority may issue a building permit, the State shall:

(i) Have an allocation of water and wastewater from the county whose facilities are affected by the proposed building construction; or

(ii) Show evidence of being able to provide an acceptable on-site sewage disposal system or well system until an allocation becomes available, or on a permanent basis if the State elects.

(4) The county shall timely review any State request for an allocation of water or wastewater, and report its findings to the State within 45 days from the date of such request.

(5) The Department may grant a waiver from the sanctions of subsection (b)(1)(iii) and (iv) of this section if the county demonstrates to the satisfaction of the Secretary that it cannot achieve the recycling goal due to unforeseen or emergency circumstances beyond the county's control.

(6) (i) In the event that sanctions are imposed under this subsection, and the county submits an application for removing the sanctions, the Secretary shall promptly approve or deny the application.

(ii) In the event that the Secretary has neither approved nor denied the application within 30 days of its submission, the application shall be deemed approved and the sanctions shall be removed.

(c) To apply for a building permit, an applicant shall:

(1) Submit an application to a State or local authority on the form that the authority requires; and

(2) Provide any information that the authority reasonably requires to comply with subsection (b) of this section.

(d) (1) A State or local authority may not record or approve a subdivision plat unless any approved facility for conveying, pumping, storing, or treating water, sewage, or solid waste to serve the proposed development would be:

(i) Completed in time to serve the proposed development; and

(ii) Adequate to serve the proposed development, once completed, without overloading any water supply system, sewerage system, or solid waste acceptance facility.

(2) Each water supply system, sewerage system, and solid waste acceptance facility in a subdivision shall:

(i) Conform to the applicable county plan; and

(ii) Take into consideration all present and approved subdivision plats and building permits in the service area.

(3) If an allocation of water or wastewater is needed, and before a State or local authority may record or approve a subdivision plat, the State shall:

(i) Have an allocation of water and wastewater from the county whose facilities are affected by the proposed development; or

(ii) Show evidence of being able to provide an acceptable on-site sewage disposal system or well system until an allocation becomes available, or on a permanent basis if the State elects.

(4) The county shall timely review any State request for an allocation of water or wastewater, and report its findings to the State within 45 days from the date of such request.

(e) To apply for approval of a subdivision plat, an applicant shall:

(1) Submit an application to the appropriate State or local authority on the form that the authority requires; and

(2) Provide any information that the authority reasonably requires to comply with subsection (d) of this section.

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